

### CLAIMS

1. (amended): A medical needle adapted for conducting fluid, said needle comprising:  
a generally cylindrical tube having a central longitudinal axis, a first end and a second pointed end adapted for penetration into a body cavity of a subject; and  
a ~~plurality of~~ two sharp pointed prongs provided in said pointed end, wherein between said ~~plurality of~~ prongs there is a notch having a beveled edge for facilitating the entry of the pointed end of the needle into a body cavity.
2. (amended): The medical needle of claim 1 wherein said ~~plurality of~~ two sharp pointed prongs ~~consist of two prongs~~ are of equal length and parallel to each other.
3. (original): The medical needle of claim 1 wherein said pointed end slopes at a first angle relative to said central axis and said at least one notch slopes at a second angle relative to said first angle.
4. (original): The medical needle of claim 1 wherein said needle is formed of surgical steel.
5. (canceled)
6. (canceled)
7. (canceled)
8. (new): The medical needle of claim 1 wherein the needle is attached to a syringe.